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URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
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MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

on the

Health and Sanitary Conditions
for the year 1972

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To: The Chairman & Councillors of the Mablethorpe and Sutton
Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1972.

As this will be the last Medical Officer of Health's report for Mablethorpe and Sutton in its present form it is of interest to look at some early reports to see what changes have taken place in the past hundred years.

In a report for Louth Union Rural Sanitary District dated 1885 Mablethorpe is included with many other parishes in Louth Rural District. Even at this time, however, Mablethorpe was catering for holiday visitors, as the Medical Officer of Health mentions an outbreak of Scarlet Fever which fortunately did not spread to them.

It would probably be in 1894 when Mablethorpe became an Urban District in its own right, but the merger of Mablethorpe with the Rural Parishes of Trusthorpe and Sutton in the Marsh did not occur until 1924.

A report of Dr. W.R. Collingridge, Medical Officer of Health in 1927 shows ^{that} about half the houses in the area had no water sanitation and only about 30% of the houses had a public water supply. While no new cases of Tuberculosis were notified in that year, there were five deaths from the disease in the past ten years.

While notifications of infectious disease were low even in 1927 there was one case of Diptheria which is now of considerable rarity in this country.

To turn now to 1972. Total live births in the year numbered 71. This gives a live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population of 11.2. When standardised so that the figure can be compared with that for England and Wales we get a figure of 17. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 14.8. This reverses the trend of the last 4 years when it was below the figure for England and Wales.

Illegitimate live births amounted to 17% of the total live births. The figure for England and Wales was 9%. This is the highest figure for at least the past ten years.

There were 120 deaths during the year. This gives a death rate of 18.9 per 1,000 of the estimated population. When standardised for comparative purposes, we obtain a death rate of 11 per thousand standard population. The death rate for England and Wales was 12.1 per thousand population. The trend over the past 12 years has been for the standardised death rate to be above that for England and Wales.

There were no infant deaths during 1972, I am pleased to say.

There were 20 deaths from Cancer. This is similar to the figures occurring in recent years.

The Commonest cause of death in men was Coronary Type Heart Disease and the next commonest was Malignant Disease.

In women the commonest cause of death was Cerebro Vascular Disease (strokes) and the second commonest was Malignant Disease.

Mablethorpe and Sutton's problem as is the case with many seaside resorts, is in catering adequately for the high percentage of elderly in the population. The formation of a sub-branch of the Social Services at the Clinic should be a help in this direction as also should be the proposed Home for the Elderly.

The regular visiting of the older members of the community whether by the voluntary/welfare worker, the social worker or the general practitioner plays an important part in maintaining good morale as well as good health.

I would like to conclude as usual by exhorting the parents of children to have them immunised. The response to immunisation in the town is good and it should continue, whether it is against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis or measles in infancy or against Tuberculosis, and German Measles (girls only in the early teens).

I would like to thank Mr. Long and staff for all their help through the year. It is pleasing to see Mr. Long in good health again.

I would also like to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their interest in the work of the Health Department.

I remain,
Your obedient Servant,

J.E. Lee,
Medical Officer of Health.

Social Conditions and General Statistics

- (1) Area of Mablethorpe and Sutton Urban District 7,193 acres
(including 717 acres of foreshore)
- (2) Population 6,340 (Registrar General's estimate June, 1972)
- (3) Density of population per acre (excluding foreshore) .979
- (4) Number and Rateable Value of inhabited houses District Valuer's statistical Analysis 1st April, 1973.

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>R.V.</u>
Category 1	3, 918	£496,667
Category 2 (2010)	71	£30,799
Category 2 (2040)	6	£7,740
Category 2 (2050)	37	£14,451
	<hr/> 4,032	<hr/> £549,657

- (5) Product of a Penny Rate
- 1972/73 Precept
(Old Valuation List)
£3,660
- 1973/74 Precept
(New Valuation List)
£8,265

The Population of Mablethorpe & Sutton since 1960

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	
1972	6,340	Registrar General's estimated figures for mid year
1971	6,156	(1971 Census)
1970	5,710	Registrar General's estimated figures for mid year
1969	5,570	
1968	5,520	
1967	5,580	
1966	5,550	
1965	5,460	
1964	5,400	
1963	5,280	
1962	5,260	
1961	5,200	
1960	5,230	

Vital Statistics

(Note: Figures in brackets show corresponding rates for England and Wales).

Births

(a) Live

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	59	30	29
Illegitimate	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>71</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>36</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population 11.2
 Standardised Birth Rate for Comparative purposes
 (Comparability Factor ... 1.52) 17.0 (14.8)
 Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of Total Live Births) ... 17.0 (9)

(b) Still Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population15
 Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still births) 14 (12)

Deaths

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
120	56	64

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population	...	18.9
Standardised Death Rate (Comparability Factor .58)	...	11.0 (12.1)

Infant Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(a) <u>Under 12 months</u>		
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	...	0 (17)
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Births	...	0 (17)
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Births	...	0 (21)

()	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(b) <u>Under 4 weeks</u>		
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	...	0 (12)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(c) <u>Under 1 week</u>		
Legitimate	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	0 (10)
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	14 (22)
Maternal Deaths including Abortion		0

Table 1

Table 1 showing ages at death for the past 5 years and the average for that period compared with those for 1972.

Year	Under 1 year	1/4	5/14	15/24	25/34	35/44	45/54	55/64	65/74	75+	Total
1971	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	11	46	52	117
1970	1	1	1	-	-	2	3	19	43	45	115
1969	1	-	-	1	-	2	6	21	42	52	125
1968	1	-	1	1	-	-	5	10	26	58	102
1967	3	-	-	1	-	2	5	14	35	52	112
Average numbers	1.2	.2	.4	.8	.2	1.6	4.6	15.0	38.4	51.8	114.2
1972	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	21	33	62	120

Table 2

Standardised Death Rate for Mablethorpe and Sutton U.D.C. for the previous 11 years and 1972

Year	Standardised Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 Standardised Population)	Death Rate for England and Wales (per 1,000 population)
1961	13.2	12.0
1962	11.69	11.9
1963	12.3	12.2
1964	10.65	11.3
1965	10.7	11.5
1966	12.7	11.7
1967	13.7	11.2
1968	13.3	11.9
1969	15.9	11.9
1970	14.5	11.7
1971	13.8	11.6
1972	11.0	12.1

Average Standardised Death Rate for Mablethorpe and Sutton U.D.C. over the past 12 years including 1972 = 12.8

Average Death Rate for England and Wales over the past 12 years = 11.7

Table 3

Causes of Death in the Area during 1971 and 1972

				1971		1972	
				M	F	M	F
1.	Malignant Neoplasm	-	Oesophagus	--	--	--	1
2.	"	"	- Stomach	2	6	1	--
3.	"	"	- Intestine	--	2	1	2
4.	"	"	- Larynx	--	--	2	--
5.	"	"	- Lung & Bronchus	5	--	2	1
6.	"	"	- Breast	--	1	--	2
7.	"	"	- Uterus	--	--	--	1
8.	"	"	- Prostate	2	--	3	--
9.	Leukaemia			--	1	--	--
10.	Other Malignant Neoplasms			1	3	1	3
11.	Diabetes Mellitus			--	--	1	--
12.	Other Endocrine etc., diseases			1	--	--	--
13.	Anaemias			--	1	--	2
14.	Mental Disorders			--	--	--	1
15.	Multiple Sclerosis			--	--	--	1
16.	Other Diseases of Nervous System			2	--	1	--
17.	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease			1	--	1	1
18.	Hypertensive Disease			2	1	1	2
19.	Ischaemic Heart Disease			26	10	20	8
20.	Other forms of Heart Disease			3	1	5	1
21.	Cerebro Vascular Disease			8	10	4	18
22.	Other Diseases of Circulatory System			4	2	1	6
23.	Influenza			--	--	--	1
24.	Pneumonia			2	4	1	--
25.	Bronchitis & Emphysema			1	1	3	2

	1971		1972	
	M	F	M	F
26. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	-	1	1
27. Peptic Ulcer	-	1	-	1
28. Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	-	-	2	-
29. Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	3
30. Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	2	-
31. Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System	-	-	1	1
32. Diseases of Musculo Skeletal System	-	1	-	-
33. Congenital Anomalies	-	-	-	1
34. Symptoms and Ill defined conditions	3	1	-	2
35. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	2	-	-
36. All other accidents	2	1	-	1
37. Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries	1	-	1	-
38. All Other External Causes	-	-	1	1
	68	49	56	64

Table 4

Anatomical Sites of Malignant Neoplasms causing
Deaths in 1972

<u>Site</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Oesophagus	-	1	1
Stomach	1	-	1
Intestine	1	2	3
Larynx	2	-	2
Lung and Bronchus	2	1	3
Breast	-	2	2
Uterus	-	1	1
Prostate	3	-	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	3	4
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>

Table 5

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms. Years 1964 -- 1968
(Where the classification was only into 5 groups)

Site	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Stomach	1	1	-	-	3
Lung and Bronchus	3	2	3	5	6
Uterus	-	1	-	1	-
Breast	-	2	1	1	1
Other Sites	5	11	14	8	8
Total	9	17	18	15	18

Table 6

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms - Years 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972
(Where the classification was into 10 groups)

Site	1969	1970	1971	1972
Buccal Cavity & Pharynx	-	-	-	-
Oesophagus	-	2	-	1
Stomach	2	4	8	1
Intestine	4	2	2	3
Larynx	-	1	-	2
Lung & Bronchus	7	9	5	3
Prostate	-	-	2	3
Uterus	1	1	-	1
Breast	5	1	1	2
Other Sites	5	6	4	4
Total	24	26	22	20

Notified Cases of Infectious Diseases 1972

Disease	Cases Notified
Pulmonary T.B.	1

New Cases from Mablethorpe and Sutton attending the special Clinic at Grimsby

	<u>Syphilis</u>	<u>Gonorrhoea</u>	<u>Non Venereal Diseases</u>
Male	-	2	11
Female	-	1	3

Mothercraft and relaxation classes are also provided at the clinic. Mothers who have attended these classes are much better prepared to deal with the ensuing pregnancy and also with the new baby when it arrives.

Chiropody sessions for the elderly are held by appointment. The Social Services is opening a branch office upstairs at the Clinic, 97 Victoria Road, Mablethorpe. To commence it will open to the public on a Tuesday and a Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 12 mid day.

It is also the base for a peripatetic warden for the elderly.

Times of Clinic

Infant Welfare	Thursday	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Toddlers	2nd and 4th Thursday of each month	9.45 a.m. - 12 noon
Welfare Food Distribution	Thursday	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Cytology	3rd Thursday in month	9.30 a.m. by appointment
M othercraft and Relaxation	1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month	2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Chiropody	By appointment	
Tufty Club	2nd and 4th Thursday	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Infant Hearing Tests	1st Thursday in month	9.30 a.m. - mid day
Social Services: Office upstairs, 97 Vcitoria Road, Mablethorpe	Open Tuesday and Thursdays Telephone 2670	9.30 - 12 noon

The Environmental Health Services

The mains water supply is supplied by the East Lincolnshire Water Board. It is good in quality and quantity. There was some drop in pressure in the Sandilands area at the peak of the season. A new 6" main was installed in the autumn of 1972, and there have been no complaints since.

Installation of supply tanks on the caravan site sanitary blocks, prevented nuisance occurring in the toilet blocks.

There is no trouble from plumbosolvency: The water is slightly hard. There is a low fluoride content i.e. 0.19 parts per million of fluorine.

Representations have been made with regard to fluoridisation of the supply but this was not thought practicable by the Board at the moment.

Forty four samples were taken from the public supplies and all were satisfactory.

There are 3,753 houses supplied by public mains in the house; and there are none supplied by outside taps.

There are 31 houses supplied from private sources. Of these 22 have a supply in the house and 9 have a supply outside the house.

There are 3,751 houses with water closets in the district and 24 houses with pail closets. During the year 3 conversions to water closets were carried out. A weekly pail closet emptying service is operated and a septic tank emptying service is also available.

Sewers are required for Grift Bank, Mablethorpe and White Row Lane, Trusthorpe. A scheme has been prepared for the former.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Mablethorpe and Sutton U.D.C.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1972, dealing with the environmental health services for inclusion in the Medical Officer's Annual Report, which may be the last in its present form, however, some form of report for 1973 will be made available, thus completing the record of the Urban District since its formation.

As is now well known Local Government re-organisation is due to take place in April, 1974. During this current year, The East Lindsey District Council has been formulated and considerable effort and many reports have been prepared to assist in the merging of the nine authorities with as little interruption of vital services as is humanly possible. Some considerable new thinking will have to take place, but amongst this upheaval the needs of the people must not be forgotten. The essence of a good Public Health Department is its ready contact with the general public. It is with this in mind that the Public Health Inspectorate of the nine authorities has suggested that five area offices be retained to enable this vital link to be ~~maintained~~.

As I said last year, goodwill and co-operation between all the authorities is absolutely essential to ensure that a satisfactory system of Public Health Administration will result.

Under Circular 50/72 the Ministry directed that a survey of the slums and older houses be carried out. This was completed in the autumn and shows clearly that the housing situation throughout the district is quite good.

The Food Trade has once again made every effort to maintain hygienic standards, but the difficulty of stock rotation still is unresolved.

I take the opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Housing Committees for their continued support throughout the year.

I sincerely thank Dr. J.E. Lee, Medical Officer of Health for his kindness and support. I am also most grateful for the co-operation of the Chief Officers and staff during the past year.

Yours sincerely,

C.V. Long

Public Health Inspector and Housing Manager.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WATER SUPPLY

The quality and quantity of the water has again been satisfactory throughout the year.

DRAINAGE AND WORKS

The recently commissioned works are producing a good effluent, but they are proving quite expensive to run and maintain. In spite of the fact that the works are situated in an isolated part of the area and that they are being efficiently and properly maintained, several complaints of smells have been received, particularly during the heat treatment process.

The flat nature of the area does cause an unusual number of obstructed drains and sewers. This is augmented by the wind blown sand and to some extent the sand left by the Floods of 1953, even after this lapse of 20 years.

Statistical Information

No. of houses with privy vaults (farms)	Nil
No. of houses with pail closets	24
No. of houses with water closets in the district	3662
No. of closets repaired	98
No. of drains examined or exposed for inspection	102
No. of R.W.P.'s and waste pipes repaired	63
No. of drains found obstructed and repaired	78
No. of cesspools or septic tanks abolished during the year	1

Sewer Extensions

Several new lengths of sewer has been laid on the new housing estates, but I once again draw attention to the serious need for sewers in the Grift Bank and White Row Lane areas. I sincerely hope these works will be at least commenced before re-organisation takes place.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The weekly collection of domestic and trade refuse has been maintained throughout the year. The time has now arrived for an additional refuse collection vehicle and collection team to be introduced into the system. The growth of the town and the increase in the amount of refuse is such that the present system cannot cope without very long hours of overtime particularly during the peak season. The long hours of overtime are now being resented by the employees owing to the large amount of income tax to be paid. It is possible the introduction of a bonus system or an introductions of a plastic bin liner system might help, but 1974 must see some changes in the system and I would advise the purchase of a new refuse collection vehicle immediately.

A new bulldozer was delivered during the year for the use at the controlled tip. This has enabled the tip to be maintained in an efficient manner. Adequate covering materials have been available from the various development sites in the area.

Civic Amenities Act, 1967

This Act provides for the removal and disposal of vehicles abandoned on the highways and private land. Six vehicles have been dealt with informally and ~~three~~ abandoned motor cars being dealt with in accordance with the powers **provided** by the Act

Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Survey of agricultural holdings in the district carried out in the winter of last year has been continued and completed this year. The results have been most encouraging. All the farmers are very rat conscious and are ready and willing to co-operate in this matter of rat destruction. Mice are still causing quite a serious problem.

General Inspections

Type of Visits	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
Complaints and nearby premises that were inspected	224	2
No. of above found infested		
(1) Rats	43	1
(2) Mice	38	10
Total No. of properties inspected including surveys and re-visits	1229	45
No of above found infested		
(1) Rats	9	2
(2) Mice	5	8
Sewers found infested	Nil	

Nuisances

Total number of nuisances during the year	506
(1) Abated as a result of informal action	501
(2) Reported to the Council - Statutory Notices issued	2
- Statutory Notices not issued	3

Details of Nuisances abated

	After informal information	After Statutory Notice or Report
Refuse	26	-
Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water	1	-
Drainage	78	-
Dangerous premises	-	-
Miscellaneous	395	5

During the year the department deals with an unusually large amount of nuisances, which in the main are dealt with quite informally. This is a system that has been built up over many years. The public have become so used to coming in and complaining about so many matters even small items which can be classed as nuisances. It does cause some pressure of work but it is pleasing to know that we have the confidence of the public.

Factories Act

We have one large factory in the district and it is pleasing to note that this is quite a thriving concern and continues to extend in size. A further small factory is also developing and continues to increase its labour force. From the deposited plans we can look forward too at least another factory being built on our industrial estate. The principal industry of the area is of course the holiday and catering trades, together with agriculture on the western side of the area. The small workshops and other factories are ancillary to these trades.

A copy of the annual return required by the Act is set out on the following pages.

		Number of		
Premises	No. on Register	Inspection	Written Notices	Occupier prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities	1	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	31	51	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers premises)	10	-	-	-
T O T A L	42	51	2	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To. H.M. Inspector (4)	Inspector (5)	
	(1)	(3)			(6)
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
a) insufficient	-	-	-	1	-
b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	2	-
c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	3	2	-	3	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork 1 (Wearing apparel)

Poisonous Waste Act, 1972

Particular attention has been paid to the proper disposal of poisonous waste in accordance with the above Act. The factories concerned have been inspected and conference called with management. In one case it was found necessary for the poisonous waste to be dealt with by disposal through the Humberside Waste Company who in turn arranged for this poisonous material to be taken to safe tipping grounds in the south of England. In the other case I am satisfied that no danger exists in the chemical concerned and accordingly it was disposed of locally.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

An application for the renewal of a licence to keep a pet shop was received and approved.

Several routine visits have been made during the year and the premises and personnel were found to be satisfactory on all occasions.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

No boarding establishments are registered in this district.

Disinfestation and Disinfection

Disinfection is carried out only at the request of the local practitioners. Several complaints of ants, wasps, cockroaches and silverfish were again dealt with. Two caravans were the subject of disinfestations following complaints of bed bugs.

Office, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Details of registration, general inspection and analysis of workplaces of persons employed in registered premises are set out below:-

Class of Premises	Newly registered premises during the year	No. of premises registered at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections
Offices	-	31	1
Retail Shops	2	121	22
Wholesale Shops	-	3	1
Catering Premises	2	52	32
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
Total	4	207	56

Total number of inspections = 78

Analysis of Persons employed in registered premises

Class of workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	110
Retail Shops	338
Wholesale	10
Catering premises	303
Canteens	
Fuel Storage Depots	
TOTAL	761
Total Males	289
Total Females	472

One accident was reported during the year. This was only a minor accident.

Miscellaneous samples

(a) Swimming baths

11 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year, 10 were found to be satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory.

The swimming pools connected to the local schools have been satisfactory throughout the year.

(b) Paddling pools

6 samples were submitted for examination, five were found satisfactory and one unsatisfactory.

This is an improvement on previous years and I would like to thank the Foreshore Manager for his efforts in keeping the paddling pools in a clean condition. This is quite a difficult task under the circumstances that prevail.

Shellfish

Three samples of cockles were examined bacteriologically during the year, two were found satisfactory and one unsatisfactory. The appropriate action being taken in the case of the unsatisfactory one.

General

Several complaints of noise have been dealt with informally during the year under the Noise Abatement Act, 1960. These complaints range from misuse of radios, bingo calling, and the misuse of sound relaying equipment in club entertainment. These complaints arise mainly from thoughtlessness rather than any intention to cause nuisance. There are no offensive trades or knackers yards in the district.

Once again many miscellaneous visits have been made during the year covering all types of complaints and requests for help and advice.

HOUSING

Improvement Grants

Since the scheme started a total of £52,735 has been granted to the end of the year. This has been granted for 193 discretionary grants and 45 standard grants.

This year has seen a considerable increase in the number of applications for grant, thirty as against eleven last year. A large number of enquiries have been made, but once again so many people think that grants are made for repairs and as I mentioned last year, this does cause some concern to the applicants, when it is turned down, particularly in view of the rather mis-leading publicity given to improvement grants.

I am conscious of the fact that some people are taking advantage of these improvement grants to make profit. This is disturbing, not only to me but also to members of my Housing Committee. It is hoped that the Government will see fit to introduce legislation to control this apparent mis-use.

Housing Act, 1969

Two qualification certificates were issued during the year.

Common lodging houses

No common lodging houses exist in the district..

Protection from Eviction Act, 1964

Again many people have been advised of their rights on the question of eviction and the appropriate pamphlet issued in each case. In all cases, furnished houses let on a short term basis for the winter have been involved.

HOUSING

Total number of new houses erected during the year

(1)	By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2)	By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(3)	By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104
(4)	Number allocated for replacing houses subject to Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Housing Repairs and Rent Act, 1954-57

No. of certificates of disrepairs issued	000	000	000	000	Nil
No. of undertakings accepted	000	000	000	000	Nil

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

[illegible]

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices

[illegible]

Action under Statutory powers during the year

(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices 	Nil
(i)	By owners ... Nil	
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

(2) Proceedings under the Housing Acts

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices
were served requiring repairs 2

(b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after
service of formal notices:

(i) By owners ... 1 (ii) By Local Authority in default
of owners Nil

(iii) Number of unfit houses purchased by Local Authority in
accordance with Housing Acts Nil

(3) Slum Clearance - Proceedings under the Housing Acts

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition
Orders were made (individual unfit only) Nil

(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of
Demolition Orders (individual unfit houses only) Nil

(c) Number of dwelling houses, or parts subject to Closing
Orders Nil

(d) Number of dwelling houses on which undertakings were accepted Nil

(e) Number of dwelling houses included in confirmed Clearance
Orders Nil

(f) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance thereof ... Nil

(g) Total number of dwelling houses on which Demolition Orders
are operative and which are still occupied except under the
provisions of Section 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... Nil

(h) Total number of dwelling houses occupied under Section 34, 35
and 46 of the Housing Act, 1956... .. Nil

(i) Houses demolished or closed voluntarily by owners which would
otherwise have been the subject of Statutory action to secure
demolition or closure Nil

(4) Nissen Huts or similar Hutments

(a)	Number still occupied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b)	Date by which it is anticipated occupants will be re-housed								N/A
(5)	Estimated number of dwellings excluding those under paragraph (4) above, remaining to be dealt with under:-								
(a)	The Housing Act, 1957, Section 16 and 18	...	...	...	...				See report
(b)	The Housing Act, 1957, Section 42...	...	...	...	...	...			Nil

Housing Acts - Overcrowding

(a)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year							Nil
	(ii)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year							Nil
(b)	(i)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...				Nil
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	...	...			Nil
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	...			Nil

Housing Acts, 1949-59

Number of dwellings for which application for grant has been received	(a)	Standard Grant							8
	(b)	Discretionary Grant							22
Number of dwellings subject to grant	(a)	Standard Grant							8
	(b)	Discretionary Grant							21
Number of houses owned by Local Authority which have been the subject of Grant aid by the Ministry			...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of visits re Grant works			...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Total number of grants to end of the year	(a)	Standard Grants							45
	(b)	Discretionary Grants							193

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	Number of dwellings	
	Owned by local Authority or new town	Other ownership
A. ESTIMATES OF CONDITION OF HOUSING STOCK IN MID 1972		
Unfit dwellings (a)		
1. In areas already declared under Part III Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
2. In other areas to be declared under Part III Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil
3. Not in Part III areas	Nil	19
4. Total unfit dwellings (Items 1 plus 2 plus 3)	Nil	19
Dwellings not unfit (a)		
5. Up to 12 point standard	318	3249
6. Capable of improvement to 12 point standard	4	137
7. Not capable of improvement to 12 point standard	Nil	42
Total dwellings in the areas (Items 4 plus 5 plus 6 plus 7)	322	3447

B. OUTLINE OF STRATEGY

(1) Nineteen unfit dwellings exist in the district, six are ~~to~~ totally unfit and the Council will be asked to consider appropriate action within the next year. Three have recently been purchased with a view to demolition or complete overhaul. Five are occupied by old persons who own the property. The Council's policy in these cases is to leave them until they either die or otherwise leave, then the appropriate action is taken. Three are used by the owners for summer occupation only.

(2) The properties capable of improvements will be dealt with in the normal routine of improvement grants and should be completed within the next five years.

Council Housing

The number of applications remain approximately the same as last year and so does the turnover of houses. This gives a waiting period of approximately two to three years for normal cases.

Once again, the Social Services Department have made many requests for help, but unfortunately owing to the limited amount of resources we have not been able to help in every case, regard must be had to our local people. The exchange with other Authorities continues to be popular but in every case we have received retired people, which adds to the problem of an ageing population.

The amount of repairs continues to be about the same although the costs have risen to at least 50% more owing to the increased cost of labour and materials.

Moveable Dwellings

(a) The caravan industry has again catered for large numbers of holiday makers. Generally speaking, I consider the sites are well conducted and in general terms comply with licence conditions. There is, however, one site that has become overcrowded and will need attention.

I again appeal to caravan owners to provide in each caravan a small fire extinguisher. This will add to the general safety on the caravan sites.

(b) Tents

The established tenting sites did cope with large numbers of tents during the peak period, but they were obviously overcrowded at the peak holiday weeks. Here again, I stress the need for fire extinguishers to be carried by tenters.

(c) General

The time has now arrived for the Local Authority and the Planning Authorities to seriously consider the allocation of land for both touring caravans and tents. In my opinion these sites should be under the control of the Local Authority. The effect of not having adequate sites for these purposes is to cause over crowding on the permanent caravan and tenting sites.

Chalet Development

The chalet development continues to increase bringing with it facilities such as swimming pools, paddling pools, clubs, shops and cafes. All these facilities have increased the work of the department and in particular the collection of refuse.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

The milk supplies of the district are under the control of the County Council and I am informed by the County Health Inspector that all samples and routine checks at the dairies have been satisfactory.

The use of cartoned milk has increased, particularly on the caravan sites and supermarkets. Apart from the increase in the amount of refuse to be collected no adverse comment can be made of this development. No complaints have been received.

Ice Cream

Ice cream sold in the district has again been ^{generally} satisfactory. Soft ice cream machines and temporary staff, however, need constant attention.

No. of manufacturers on register	1
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No. of premises licenced for the sale of ice cream	75
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No. of inspections made 111

No. of premises using soft ice cream machines	6
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Number of results of samples taken:-

Grade 1 28

Grade 2 1

Grade 3 Nil

Grade 4 Nil

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurization) Regulations, 1963

There are no egg pasteurization plants in the district.

Bakehouses

Number in district 3

Number of contraventions found	1
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Number of contraventions remedied	1
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Number of visits 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 9

All bakehouses were maintained to a reasonably good standard throughout the year.

Retail Shops

All the retail shops have been inspected during the year and found in a reasonably good condition.

The breakdown of electrical equipment and failure in power supply resulted in foods stored in deep freezers being condemned.

Meat Shops and Meat Products

All shops and premises have been inspected during the year and found in good condition.

Poultry

No poultry processing ~~premises~~ exist in the district. Routine checks are made of poultry displayed for sale, both fresh and frozen. Poultry has now become an important part ~~of~~ the food industry, due no doubt to the increase in price of fresh meat.

The Meat Inspection Regulations

Once again a 100% meat inspection record can be reported this year. The arrangements with the adjoining district for relief in times of sickness and holidays has again worked well. The meat killed locally continues to be of high quality.

Set out below is the statutory tabulation of the carcasses and offal inspected

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	—	—	—	198	3	—
Number inspected	—	—	—	198	3	—
Number of carcasses condemned except tuberculosis and Cysticercus	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	1	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercus	—	—	—	.5%	—	—
Number of carcasses condemned tuberculosis only	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of carcasses condemned cysticercosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of carcasses generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

In presenting these facts the principal trade has been taken, although many of the shops are selling all types of food and other goods.

Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations

These regulations have been complied with throughout the district. There is, however, a tendency for this type of trader to become slack in provisions of hot water etc., on the vehicles unless constant attention and reminders are sent to them.

Remarks

The supervision of all food premises and retail/^{food}outlets has continued throughout the year. At the beginning and towards the end of each summer season the owner of food premises are circulated with publicity material reminding them of their responsibility under the Food Hygiene Regulations. Particular reference is made each year to the need for proper and careful stock rotation. In spite of this, I still receive quite a number of complaints of mould in food. Again, it was necessary for legal action to be taken for a case of mould being found in a pork pie. This was a clear example of neglect in stock rotation.

With the quality of labour available, particularly in the seaside resorts, the message of stock control and food hygiene in particular is very difficult to get across..

